

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RILEY A. CHAVIS,

No. C 05-03553 WHA

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER OF REFERRAL

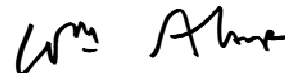
MERCK & CO., INC.,

Defendant.

This action appears to be one of several cases currently pending in the Northern District of California involving the prescription drug VIOXX[®]. The earliest-filed action was *Guinta v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, Case No. C 04-5061 MHP. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(c), the Court refers this matter to Judge Marilyn H. Patel for the purpose of determining whether it is related as defined in Civil Local Rule 3-12(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 7, 2005



WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE